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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1648

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APPLICATION NO: 10/010,568

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FOR: A NOVEL HUMAN G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR,
HGPRBMY23, EXPRESSED HIGHLY IN KIDNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
WITHOUT TRAVERSE**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, vector, host cell and method of use.

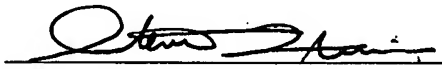
The Office Action further directs Applicants to elect a single disclosed species. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the polynucleotide of Group I directed to the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:51. Claims 45(a), and 46 thru 58 are readable thereon. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants would like to remind the Examiner that although a provisional species election has been provided, Applicants are entitled to have claims to other species considered upon the allowance of a generic claim.

A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee.

If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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